

**An Ordinance by Debi Starnes**

**An Ordinance to prohibit property owners from placing residents' personal household belongings on public property and to require them to arrange for an alternative process of disposal**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to providing a mixture of affordable housing, both for ownership and rental,

AND WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to providing services to our citizens in the most effective manner,

AND WHEREAS, there are times when residents who rent property are unable to pay their agreed upon rent,

AND WHEREAS, property owners have the legal right to have those renters evicted from their property,

AND WHEREAS, the practice has evolved to put these residents' personal belongings on the street,

AND WHEREAS, this accumulation of furniture, household goods, clothing and personal items is unsightly, and encourages other dumping,

AND WHEREAS, seeing one's belongings piled up is hurtful, especially for children,

AND WHEREAS, there are more effective and humane alternatives, by allowing non-profits to pick-up these belongings and hold for the owners,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, that property owners are prohibited from putting a residents' household belongings in public property, and must arrange for an alternative process.